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1. AS SUGGESTED REFTEL, WE CHECKED WITH SYG LUNS' OFFICE ON ICELANDIC FONMIN AGUSTSSON'S REMARK THAT LUNS DID NOT REACT NEGATIVELY TO INFORMATION THAT AGUSTSSON MIGHT HAVE TO INVOKE ARTICLE VII. THE ONLY RECORD IN SYG'S OFFICE OF A LUNS-AGUSTSSON DISCUSSION ON IDF ISSUE IS OF A BILATERAL AT DECEMBER 1971 NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN WHICH AGUSTSSON WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO REASSURE LUNS THAT GOI WAS NOT SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATING INVOKING ARTICLE VII AND THAT ALLIES SHOULD NOT BE ALARMED.

2. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE TWO MAY HAVE HAD INFORMAL EXCHANGE ON SUBJECT AT A SUBSEQUENT MINISTERIAL, BUT LUNS' OFFICE CONSIDERS THAT SYG WOULD REACT VERY NEGATIVELY TO A PROPOSAL TO INVOKE ARTICLE VII. MISSION'S EXPERIENCE WITH LUNS-- AND CERTAINLY CONTENT OF HIS DECEMBER 1971, AIDE MEMOIRE TO ICELANDIC PERMREP (USNATO 0012)-- BEARS OUT THIS ASSESSMENT OF LUNS REACTION TO ANY SUGGESTION OF WEAKENING NATO'S DEFENSE CAPABILITIES IN ICELAND.

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3. COMMENT: AS FURTHER BACKGROUND WE MIGHT MENTION THAT CHARGE OF ICELANDIC DELEGATION HERE WAS SURPRISED BY AGUSTSSON'S MOVE AND

ON APRIL 13 CALLED ICELANDIC MFA TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION. HE
WAS TOLD TO TAKE THE LINE THAT NOTHING NEW HAS HAPPENED
AND PLAY AGUSTSSON' S APRIL 12 SPEECH IN LOW KEY. ACCORDINGLY,
HE WAS RELUCTANT TO INFORM LUNS' OFFICE OF AGUSTSSON' S MOVE.
CHARGE' S PERSONAL GUESS WAS THAT GOI WOULD NOT FORMALLY INVOKE
ARTICLE VII IN NAC UNTIL THIS SUMMER. MCAULIFFE

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